

REMARKS

Disposition of Claims

Claims 56-96 are pending in this application. All claims are rejected.

Amendments to the Specification

The added paragraph in the amendment dated July 1, 2003 has been amended to correct a clerical error pointed out by the Examiner. Further, since the filing of this application, the parent application to which this application claims priority has issued into USPN 6,618.010 B2. Proper reference has been made.

Claim Amendments

Claims 56 through 65 are canceled.

Claim 66 is currently amended and has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim.

Claims 67 through 69 are canceled.

Claim 70 is currently amended and has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim.

Claims 71 through 79 are canceled.

Claim 80 is currently amended and has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim.

Claim 81 is currently amended to address a clerical error.

Claims 83 and 84 are canceled.

Claim 85 is currently amended and has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim.

Claim 86 is canceled.

Claim 87 is currently amended and has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim.

Claims 88 through 89 are canceled.

Claim 90 is currently amended and has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim.

Claims 91 through 93 are canceled.

Claim 94 is currently amended and has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim.

Claim 95 is canceled.

Claim 96 is currently amended and has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim.

Double Patenting

The Examiner provisionally rejected Claims 56-96 under 35 USC §101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 56-96 of co-pending Application No. 10/612,561. The Applicants have since abandoned Application No. 10/612,561. Therefore, the Applicants traverse and respectfully request reconsideration of this rejection.

The Examiner rejected Claims 60, 68, 84, and 92 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. The Applicants have canceled Claims 60, 68, 84, and 92.

Conclusion

In summary, Applicants now therefore respectfully submit that the application presently stands in condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee, which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 10-0447.

Respectfully submitted,

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